Year A – Gregory the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Collect for Gregory the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, who raised up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God, and inspired him to send missionaries to preach the Gospel to the English people: Preserve in your Church the catholic and apostolic faith they taught, that your people, being fruitful in every good work, may receive the crown of glory that never fades away; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Psalm 57

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They have dug a pit before me;
Into the midst of it they themselves have fallen. *Selah* 7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is
steadfast; I will sing and give praise. 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the
dawn.

9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. 10 For Your
mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds. 11 Be exalted, O God, above the
heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

**At the end of the Psalms this is sung or said*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 25:1-1, 6-8

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so
you must do also:
6 And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my
journey, wherever I go. 7 For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with
you, if the Lord permits. 8 But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost.
28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present
every man perfect in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which
works in me mightily.
1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and
faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always
for you,

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 10:42-45

Deacon: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you. Or And with your spirit.*

Deacon: *May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: *We are reading from Mark's Gospel chapter 10, beginning at verse 42.*

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers
over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 Yet it shall
not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And
whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be
served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'

After the Gospel reading, the deacon can elevate the book and says:

Deacon: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*